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Dear La Crosse City Council Members,

I am a 15 year resident of La Crosse, parent, and a life-long Christian. I'd like to communicate my displeasure at having the ban on conversion therapy suspended.

It has been shown time and time again that conversion therapy does not work and has been proven for decades. It is also very harmful to the human psyche, leading to suicide, depression, anxiety, drug use, homelessness, and behavioral problems in youth.

Please end the suspension and create the code for this ordinance.

I'd like to leave you with a reference to several trusted, accredited organizations and their positions on conversion therapy. [Please click this link and scroll down for information from:](#)

- American Academy of Child Adolescent Psychiatry
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
- American College of Physicians
- American Counseling Association
- American Medical Association
- American Psychiatric Association
- American Psychoanalytic Association
- American Psychological Association
- American School Counselor Association
- American School Health Association
- National Association of Social Workers
- Pan American Health Organization (PAHO): Regional Office of the World Health Organization
- Just the Facts Coalition
- World Psychiatric Association
- Plus, viewpoints from members of our own United States government

Thank you for your time.

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